

Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2017 at 7:30pm
Town Hall Meeting Room

In attendance: First Selectman Nina Daniel, Selectman Dennis Tracey, Selectmen Chris Spaulding, Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz, Administrative Assistant Randi Derene, and audience members.

- 1- **Pledge of Allegiance** - Tree Warden Bill Lomas led in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2- **Discussion/decision to accept the resignation of Mike Riley from the Zoning Board of Appeals, effective May 1, 2017** - Mr. Tracey moved to accept the resignation of Mike Riley from the Zoning Board of Appeals, effective May 1, 2017. Mr. Spaulding seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3- **Discussion/decision to reappoint Don Kendall as C-Med Rep for term expiring June 30, 2018** - Mr. Spaulding moved to reappoint Don Kendall as C-Med Rep for term expiring June 30, 2018. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4- **Discussion/decision to reappoint William Lomas as Tree Warden for a term expiring June 30, 2018** - Ms. Daniel thanked Mr. Lomas for his services and his work with Eversource. Mr. Lomas discussed his work and Eversource's work in Weston. Mr. Tracey moved to reappoint William Lomas as Tree Warden for a term expiring June 30, 2018. Mr. Spaulding seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5- **Discussion/decision to reappoint Rick Darling as Town Treasurer for a term expiring June 30, 2019** - Mr. Spaulding moved to reappoint Rick Darling as Town Treasurer for a term expiring June 30, 2019. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6- **Discussion/decision to reappoint Rabbi Levi Stone as Police Chaplain for a term expiring June 30, 2019** - Mr. Tracey moved to reappoint Rabbi Levi Stone as Police Chaplain for a term expiring June 30, 2019. Mr. Spaulding seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 7- **Discussion/decision to reappoint Hillary Mandell to the Commission for the Arts for a term expiring June 30, 2019** - Ms. Mandell said she is a trained opera singer. Ms. Mandell said she would like to see the commission get involved with more vocal & music events. Mr. Spaulding moved to reappoint Hillary Mandell to the Commission for the Arts for a term expiring June 30, 2019. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 8- **Discussion/decision to reappoint Cynny Williams to the Beautification Committee for a term expiring June 30, 2021** - Mr. Tracey moved to reappoint Cynny Williams to the Beautification Committee for a term expiring June 30, 2021. Mr. Spaulding seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 9- **Proclamation for Meg Brooks** - Ms. Daniel presented the proclamation to Meg Brooks.
- 10- **Interviews with Commission for the Arts Candidates** Two Weston High School students, Hannah Daniels and Alexa Kripke, stated they have a passion for the arts and take a lot of art classes in school, and they are interested in being part of this commission. Current members introduced themselves: Anastasia Gussen, Paul Levin, Keith Brooks and Patricia Goodrich.

Debbie Katz, an interior designer and a strong interest in visual arts, expressed her interest in becoming a new member of the Commission. She stated she would love to see the community of artists in town have a better sense of community. Ms. Daniel recommended a website perhaps where people can show their artwork. Mr. Spaulding added that artists were originally the essence of our community. Mr. Tracey stated he would like to put the members of the Commission together with the strategic planning committee, specifically to get involved with the Weston Way website. Ms. Armijo (chairman) also mentioned there were other interested candidates – who would be non-voting members (Nell Burdett, Monica DeFelice, Eric Bernhein) Ms. Daniel stated that she would like to appoint Debbie Katz to the commission as a voting member. Mr. Spaulding moved to appoint Debbie Katz to the Commission for the Art for term to expire June 30, 2019. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- 11- **Proclamation for Women's Club of Weston** - Ms. Daniel presented the proclamation to Women's Club of Weston Chairman Carole Berg
- 12- **Discussion/decision to appoint Richard Wolf to the Commission on Aging, filling the vacancy left by Joy Peshkin, for a term expiring December 31, 2017** - Mr. Wolf was not able to attend. Ms. Daniel stated that he is an active member of the senior center and would be a wonderful addition to the Commission on Aging. Mr. Tracey moved to appoint Richard Wolf to the Commission on Aging, filling the vacancy left by Joy Peshkin, for a term expiring December 31, 2017. Mr. Spaulding seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 13- **Discussion/decision about the selection of a revaluation company** - Ms. Daniel stated that this is for the revaluation of real estate values. Jonathan Luiz stated that the town put out an RFP on April 1st and that Weston received 5 proposals. He said that e-Quality is the recommended company and was also the lowest bidder at \$85,000. Mr. Luiz said the Town attorney has created a contract based on the RFP. Mr. Tracey stated he had some questions, but will review separately with Town Attorney Ken Bernhard. Mr. Spaulding moved to authorize the First Selectman to enter into an agreement with eQuality Valuation Services, LLC, to perform Complete Reappraisal Revaluation of Real Property for the October 1, 2018 Grand List, pending review by the Town Attorney. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 14- **Discussion/decision to authorize the First Selectman to enter into a settlement agreement with Rhode Island Parrot Rescue** - Mr. Tracey recommended that this item be taken up after it is discussed in executive session. Other members of the Board agreed. Mr. Tracey moved to add the following item to the agenda under Executive Session: Discussion/decision to authorize the First Selectman to enter into a settlement agreement with Rhode Island Parrot Rescue. Mr. Spaulding seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 15- **Discussion/decision regarding a special appropriation of one to \$15,000 to be paid to Rhode Island Parrot Rescue** - This item will also be postponed until after executive session.
- 16- **Minutes approval: May 4th and 17th 2017** - Mr. Tracey moved to approve the Board of Selectmen minutes of May 4th and May 17th, 2017. Mr. Spaulding seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 17- **First Selectman Updates:**
 - a. CT DOT Culvert Replacement project on Rt. 57 - Ms. Daniel stated that Rt 57 long project has been disrupting traffic patterns for almost 2 years. She said we are hoping it will be

done by December. There is another culvert that will be repaired in 2019 on Rt. 57 – they will either do the work using a two week detour, the alternative would be a two year plan not requiring any road closure.

- 18- **Executive Session:** Mr. Spaulding moved to enter into executive session at 8:30 pm to discuss: a potential sale of real estate; a potential purchase of real estate; strategy and negotiations with respect to collective bargaining with the Public Works Union; and discussion/decision to authorize the First Selectman to enter into a settlement agreement with Rhode Island Parrot Rescue. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Tracey moved to exit executive session at 9:00 pm. Mr. Spaulding seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- 13- **Discussion/decision to authorize the First Selectman to enter into a settlement agreement with Rhode Island Parrot Rescue** - Mr. Tracey moved to authorize the First Selectman to enter into a settlement agreement with Rhode Island Parrot Rescue in the form attached to the minutes. Mr. Spaulding seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 14- **Discussion/decision regarding a special appropriation of one to \$15,000 to be paid to Rhode Island Parrot Rescue** - Mr. Spaulding moved to approve a special appropriation of \$15,000 to be paid to Rhode Island Parrot Rescue. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Selectman Tracey moved to add to the agenda discussion/decision relating to the Memorandum of Understanding with Daniel Kopulos. Mr. Spaulding seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- 19- **Discussion/decision relating to the Memorandum of Understanding with Daniel Kopulos** - Mr. Spaulding moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Daniel Kopulos dated January 12, 2017 as presented. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 20- **Adjournment** - Mr. Spaulding moved to adjourn. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried unanimously at 9:37 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Randi Derene.

Approved : June 22, 2017